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Art Unit	3617
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Double-Hull Ore Carrying Vessel Conversion From Single-Hull Oil Tanker and Method of Performing the Same

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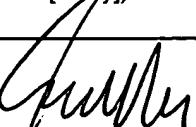
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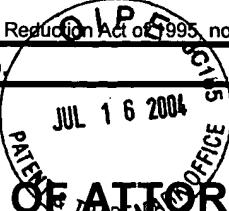
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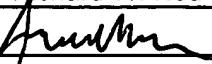
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